

Projects in the 2001-2005 Highway & Bridge Construction Schedule that have been Reprioritized

RSMo 21.795.2.(2)

Introduction

The information in this section is in accordance with the highlighted portion in the following section of the reporting statute. *"(2) A detailed explanation of the methods or criteria employed to select construction projects, **including a listing of any new or reprioritized projects** not mentioned in a previous report, and an explanation as to how the new or reprioritized projects meet the selection methods or criteria; ..."* Section 21.795.2(2), RSMo Supp. 1998 (emphasis added).

This section identifies projects in the 2001-2005 Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule that were reprioritized in the 2002-2006 Schedule in the course of working with urban planning organizations, adjusting to unforeseen circumstances or amending schedules to accommodate changes in environmental review or right of way acquisition. With multi-year projects, reprioritization is a normal part of the construction process and reflects an effort to manage a schedule as efficiently as possible. Many factors required these changes. A few projects were reprioritized to adjust to unforeseen circumstances or to amend schedules to accommodate changes in environmental review or right-of-way acquisition. Some project reprioritizations reflect MoDOT's change in focus from expansion to rehabilitation and reconstruction.

An explanation for the change in date is included with each project. Many of the projects are urban improvements authorized by the St. Louis and Kansas City metropolitan planning organizations, which approve highway and bridge construction in the two cities. Metropolitan planning organizations plan only three to four years in advance, and each year urban projects will be added to MoDOT's five-year schedule.

Bond financing allowed for the acceleration of 10 projects, which represents 11 percent of the total number of projects prioritized. Of other projects changed, 11 were moved back one to two months. Five projects were advanced a year because greater needs for the improvements were identified.

The total number of projects reprioritized (*delayed, accelerated and/or removed*) is 87, which represents 10 percent of the projects in the 2001-2005 Schedule.